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MEMORANDUM for the RECORD

Subject: FJ MACHINE

Since the departure of [] I have had the following meetings with FJ MACHINE personnel:

1. On 3rd July, in accordance with arrangements made before his departure by [], I met Callender's successor for the first time. We had lunch at his hotel and engaged in a general discussion of his situation, our relations to his office, and the complex of problems which brought him here and which he is expected to solve. He described some of his personal background as an ODACID representative in various parts of the Near and Far East, West Europe, and the Balkans and gave me the distinct impression that he regards his assignment here as a temporary, and largely administrative, one whose objective is to re-establish an orderly and smooth functioning FJ MACHINE office in Paris. He mentioned that there were personnel difficulties and that several people in his office apparently had the intention of resigning because of the manner in which the transfer of authority from Callender to himself had been effected. At this meeting he did not discuss any of the personnel by name, except Callender's former Deputy, with whom [] has been dealing for the past several months. He stated that the Deputy was seriously disturbed about whether he should continue to work in the organization in the light of what had happened to his former Chief, or whether he should follow his convictions and resign. My companion had not attempted to influence his decision by direct counsel, but clearly seemed then to prefer that he remain. He informed me that the Chief of QKIVORY's European Representative had resigned; he did not elaborate. He also said that a couple of the secretaries seemed to have personal problems in connection with the office changes, which he expected them to resolve very soon. The rest of the meeting was devoted to non-operational conversation and to the establishment of routine contact arrangements, the exchange of telephone numbers, name designations, etc. I stated that as long as Callender's Deputy continued to be in the employ of the FJ MACHINE European Office, I would deal with him at his request on the assumption that these contacts were approved by the Director of that office, and that I would, if invited, meet Callender socially. He agreed readily to both propositions. I brought to his attention that the only outstanding matter of our relationship with his predecessor was the disposition of the trunk which Callender's Deputy had given to [] in response to the QKIVORY Chief's instruction, transmitted via DIR-28177. I stated that the trunk was the personal property of Callender, who still retained the key and that it would consequently be necessary for me to have contact with Callender and his former Deputy in connection with this problem. He readily agreed to this also and expressed the hope that we would speedily dispose of the trunk and its contents.

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2. On 8 July in response to a telephone call received in this office during my absence in The Hague, I met Callender's former Deputy for coffee. At the meeting he stated that he had posted a letter of resignation to the Chief of FJNACHINE in New York, with copies to the Chief of QKIVORY and the Chief of QKIVORY personnel, and that he had left a copy of the letter for Callender's successor in the latter's hotel room. At his request, I read the letter and agreed to forward it to Headquarters if Callender's successor so agreed. Since Callender's Deputy had asked me in a general way for my opinion of his letter of resignation, I said that I thought it was rather strong language and cited a number of particular words and phrases in support of this comment. When he asked further whether I thought that it was "too strong", I replied that this was a judgment that I did not feel I could make objectively on the strength of the facts available to me. I also asked him whether he would be willing to see Rothschild on the following day (9 July) at 3:00 o'clock to discuss [] . When he readily agreed, I suggested that he routinely clear this with his new Chief and that he bring the key to Callender's trunk to the Rothschild meeting.

3. On 9th July, Rothschild and I met Callender's Deputy as scheduled, to discuss [] and to obtain the key to Callender's trunk. Because of a previous commitment to meet Callender's successor at 4:00, which I did not consider necessary to mention to Callender's Deputy, I planned to leave the meeting, after having introduced Rothschild, before the discussion of [] . Rothschild is reporting on that discussion in a separate memorandum. When I raised the question of the key, Callender's Deputy made two points: a) He had told his new Chief that I had requested the key, and his new Chief had said that he had no objections to his giving me the key if I would promise not to open the trunk without checking again with him; b) Callender had asked to see me before his Deputy gave me the key and was waiting for me then in the bar of the Crillon Hotel, to discuss his own interest in some of the contents of the trunk, which is his personal property.

4. Accordingly, after some searching, I found Callender in the Crillon Hotel and explained that I could only spend about 10 minutes, because I had a previously scheduled meeting in 15 minutes, but that I would be happy to see him at greater length later on if he wished. Callender said that he had continued to receive mail and other personal messages commiserating with him on his dismissal and showed me a letter from [] which said, among other things, that he felt this dismissal was a "blow to the liberal spirit". Callender also said that he had had a discussion the same day with a leading Polish exile who had said that he was removed because he was "too independent". With respect to the trunk, which was the main subject of discussion, Callender indicated that there were some papers in the trunk which he could not identify to me in any specific way, which were more personal than organizational, being of the character of intra-office memoranda and

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notes exchanged between himself, his Deputy and other members of the Staff with respect to organizational problems, structural problems and other internal matters of the FJ MACHINE Paris office. Since these had not gone to FJ MACHINE Headquarters, he did not consider them to be official business and consequently would like to have them back. Among a number of possible alternative ways of disposing of the trunk and its contents, I suggested that after reviewing the KUBARK traffic on the subject, I could return the trunk and its contents to Callender's successor, with whom Callender could then work out the problem of the disposition of its contents. Other alternatives would be for me to participate with Callender and his successor in the screening of these items or for him to describe adequately the items he wished to recover, which I could then find, read and return to him if they were in fact personal. Callender very strongly favored having me present at the opening of the trunk and having me participate in the distribution of its contents. I said that, of course, I had no authority to make judgments as to what was or was not official FJ MACHINE or QVIVORY correspondence. Callender indicated that he planned to take the weekend off, return to Paris on Tuesday, the 15th, for about 10 days and then move to a relatively inexpensive spot, still in France, for a few months of rest, relaxation and writing.

5. After leaving Callender, I proceeded to the designated contact point, a few minutes late, to pick up his successor. I reported to him the following 3 points:

A: I had a copy of Callender's Deputy's letter of resignation, which I would send to Headquarters if he had no objections (he had none).

B: I had discussed the trunk problem with Callender and his Deputy separately; he favored my returning the trunk to him for disposition between himself and Callender but had no objection to having me present.

C: I told him that Rothschild was meeting Callender's Deputy about [] and assumed that he had no objections (he had none). He stated that he had called me on the 8th because he had just received Callender's Deputy's letter of resignation, which he wished me to read. He also said that he had been contacted by [] who informed him that during his absence at dinner, a package had been delivered to his hotel room containing a copy of Callender's Deputy's letter of resignation, a copy of Callender's successor's report on the alleged financial irregularities (written a couple of months ago) and a copy of Callender's reply to the charges lodged against him by FJ MACHINE, New York. [] seemed annoyed by this documentation and agreed with Callender's successor that the Deputy's letter of resignation was "stupid".

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D: My informant went on to discuss the future plans with respect to personnel in his office:

- 1) His administrative assistant, who has been in the office about 6 months, plans to remain, after considerable soul-searching on this score, and is performing loyally and up-to-standard.
- 2) One of the Secretaries will be taking home leave in New York within the next couple of weeks, and would probably resign there (Actually, she resigned in the Field).
- 3) Another Secretary, whose name he did not give me, is quite disturbed, and he has no idea what she will do.
- 4) His Assistant, Program Officer, will take 6 weeks leave, but he expects her to return to the job.
- 5) He is actively seeking a replacement for Callender's Deputy and an Administrative Officer (since his current incumbent is actually a Program Officer who is performing administrative duties by default).
- 6) He has requested authority from FJMACHINE, New York, to accept Callender's Deputy's resignation immediately.
- 7) He hopes to have the office operating in such a way that a permanent successor to Callender could take over within a month or 6 weeks from now. He did not indicate who this successor would be, except to say that it would not be himself, since he would be needed in New York.

I dropped him at his hotel at the conclusion of our interview, where he expected to receive his call at 5:00 o'clock.

6. At the conclusion of the interview, I asked him 3 questions which I thought germane to his situation here:

A: Did he think there were any possible security problems in actions which members of his office might take? After reflection, he said no.

B: Were there any adverse repercussions in the community served by FJMACHINE? He said that there were, of course, repercussions because Callender was well-known and well-liked by many exile leaders. He said that both the Polish exile leader, referred to by Callender in Paragraph 4 above, and Ferenc Nagy, whom he expected to see in the next day or two, had commented on the dismissal, but neither had indicated that it would in any way affect either their programs or their contact with FJMACHINE.

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C: Was he aware of any connections which Callender might have had with [] After considerable reflection, he said no. I then said that I, too, was not aware of what precise connections might have existed but that he should bear in mind that a rumor was circulating in some diplomatic circles in Paris that M. Soustelle, who had just the day before been appointed Minister of Information, might also be given charge of the [] under that cover. This information I had gleaned from an ODACID cable of 8 July; we agreed to exchange information on this subject if we developed any in the future.

7. After these interviews, and after having reviewed the [] traffic on the subject, I decided that the most efficient handling of the trunk problem would be to open it in my home with all interested parties present. Consequently, I telephoned Callender's successor at his hotel on the morning of 10 July and suggested that we conduct this inquest on the evening of 10 July at my home. He agreed and further agreed to notify Callender's Deputy of this plan, if he could make contact with him.

8. Actually, because of the pressure of time and conflicting social schedules, the meeting to review the contents of the trunk took place at the apartment of the departing Secretary on the evening of 11 July. It was conducted in an atmosphere of considerable coolness, but there were no altercations about the disposition of any of the documents. At the conclusion of the two-hour session, I returned Callender's successor to his hotel with the trunk and its contents and placed myself at his disposal for any further custody of documents. ~~At~~ He had had a chance to review those files. The resolution of this potentially sticky problem would seem to wrap up all the loose ends of the succession to Callender from the point of view of []

9. Callender's successor explained to me privately before the meeting that Callender's Deputy's resignation had been accepted, as well as that of the Secretary. After the meeting he said that he was relieved that the matter of the trunk was terminated, that he felt the session had been as amicable as could have been expected under the circumstances, and that he regretted the loss to the project of the knowledge and experience of Callender and his Deputy. No specific plans were made for any future meeting, but it was agreed that we would make contact when our respective affairs would so dictate.

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